

believed to be allowable: 10, 11, 21, 22, 32, 33, 43 and 44.

PLEASE NOTE: Claim 58 should have been allowed since this claim basically contains the same limitations as in allowed claim 35, that is the two means for calculating. In addition, claim 58 has the two other limitations of "signal collecting device" and "original image producing device". It is thus believed that claim 58 is also allowed.

REJECTIONS UNDER SEC. 102 and 103 TRAVERSED

Claims 1, 12, 23, 34, 53 and 59 have been rejected under Sec. 102 over Scher. Applicant has amended these claims to recite "means for calculating an average value of at least said pixel group", and the image production uses the "calculated average value".

Clearly, Scher does not calculate the average value of at least the pixel group. This function is clearly an indication that the instant invention differs completely in function, operation, and concept, as well as results, from the Scher disclosure. Thus, there is no "anticipation" under 102 of these claims by Scher. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of these claims are respectfully solicited.

The rejection of the "recording medium" recited in claims 45 and 49 under Sec. 103 over Scher is believed overcome by the amendment to claims 45 and 49 as defining the "means for calculating an average value of at least the pixel group". No extension of Scher would make obvious these features. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of these claims 45,49 are respectfully

solicited.

It is assumed that the preliminary amendment has not be entered. For purposes of the record, such preliminary amendment is withdrawn. A new fee calculation sheet is filed with the new fee being filed herewith as a charge to the Deposit Account.

The inventor wishes to add the following technical comments:

"We've add to claims 1, etc, the step of "calculating an average value of at least said pixel group", and we produce an image using "the calculated pixel value". This is not taught by , nor made obvious by the cited art; Scher et al"

Accordingly, allowance of all the claims is respectfully solicited.

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